

ABSTRACT

Phase I archaeological and historic resource surveys have been completed for the Delaware Department of Transportation's (DelDOT) proposed Red Mill Road Sidewalk Improvements project located in Newark (Mill Creek Hundred), New Castle County, Delaware. The project Area of Potential Effect (APE) is located on the Newark East, Delaware 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle, in the Piedmont Physiographic Province, and is drained by White Clay Creek.

The archaeological survey area consists of three small irregularly-shaped test areas, the Ottey, Culvert, and Fields test areas, located on the east side of existing Red Mill Road within the project APE. No archaeological resources were identified within the Ottey or Culvert test areas; therefore, no further archaeological research is warranted at these locations.

The Fields Test Area yielded 103 historic period artifacts, most of which are not functionally diagnostic due to their small size and incomplete form, nor temporally diagnostic due to their lengthy manufacturing and use periods. Many of the artifacts were recovered from sediments demonstrating mixed historic and modern temporal contexts, and none of the artifacts are associated with any historic structures or features. The artifacts are indicative of general residential/domestic and agricultural/rural land use and do not contribute significant information about the specific land-use history within the project APE; therefore, no additional archaeological research at the Fields Test Area is recommended.

In addition to the archaeological survey, the Wilson House, a property located within the project APE, was researched to determine if it had any relationship with the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-listed England House (Red Mill) property, which is located partially within the boundaries of the project APE. The research indicates that the Wilson House was built and used as a miller's home and is therefore a contributing element to the England House (Red Mill) property. The original England House (Red Mill) property NRHP nomination form was amended to reflect the inclusion of the Wilson House as a contributing element, and to add contextual information regarding milling in New Castle County.